

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a mascara brush comprising a plurality of bristles held between two intertwisted wire sections forming a core, with said core comprising a curved core section, including the steps of:

- manufacturing a raw brush having at least two straight cores, a portion of each core having bristles, said straight cores extending from a common handle section (5);  
wherein ends of said two straight cores are intertwisted to form said handle section which has no bristles,
- inserting the portion of said straight cores having bristles into a bending tool having a convex bending plunger (12) and a concave counter-plunger (13) being substantially complementary thereto;
- bending the portion of said straight cores having bristles between the convex plunger (12) and the

- concave counter-plunger (13) when said bending plunger (12) and said counter-plunger (13) are moved towards each other and then away from each other;
- taking resulting cores (2,3) out of said being tool;
  - wherein said resulting cores of said bristles are formed to extend from said common handle section (5) and separate from each other from a point on said common handle section (5) spaced apart from a common point E on said common handle section (5), and
  - wherein two tangents ( $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ ) respectively drawn through common point E and along the curved central axis of said resulting cores (2, 3) form an angle  $\beta$  between said tangents ( $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ ) which is less than  $20^\circ$ .

16. (Previously Presented) The method for manufacturing a mascara brush according to claim 15, wherein the bristles of the resulting cores taken out of said bending tool are overlapping.